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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, and in connection with the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (1) Exhibit A, a marked up version of the paragraph in the specification amended herein; (2) a Utility Patent Application Transmittal Cover Sheet; (3) a Continuation Application Transmittal Letter (in duplicate), accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee; (3) a copy of the application; (4) a Sequence Listing in paper format; (5) an Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate), accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee; and (6) a revised PTO form 1449.

It is estimated that no additional fee is required for filing this Amendment. In the event an additional fee is required, please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.